

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 960

By Whitson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Rhonda Smith, Head of Middle School at Christ Presbyterian Academy, on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding school administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such exceptional individual is Rhonda Smith, Head of Middle School at Christ Presbyterian Academy (CPA), who, after a distinguished thirty-year career as an educator, has announced her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith began her illustrious career at CPA in August 1992 as a classroom teacher, in which position she worked tirelessly to help her students reach their full potential and became a mentor to many faculty and staff members; and

WHEREAS, the first and only middle school principal in CPA history, Rhonda Smith has led her school with innovation and intuition to build a school culture that combines academic excellence, productive collaboration, and frequent celebration, having created '40s Day for the eighth grade and Greek Day for the seventh grade, both of which serve as the culmination of extensive cross-curricular studies; and

WHEREAS, an inspirational leader who has volunteered countless hours serving students, families, faculty, and members of the Nashville community, she has also led CPA middle school students to become active participants in their community through community service as they volunteer annually to assist local nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, a respected professional, Rhonda Smith is a member of the Association of Middle-Level Educators, the Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Association of Supervision of Curriculum Development; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Rhonda Smith is most thankful for the love and support of her husband, Rich; her three wonderful children, Leah, Abbie, and Matt; and her eight treasured grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career in education, Rhonda Smith has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of everyone associated with Christ Presbyterian Academy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Rhonda Smith our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud her dedication to the youth of Tennessee, and wish her much happiness and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.